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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2006 was 5.2 percent, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 21, 2006. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2005 rate of 5.3 percent but 0.4 percentage points higher than the January 2005 rate of 4.8 percent. The Canada seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2006 was 6.6 percent. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than December 2005 but 0.4 percentage points lower than the January 2005 level of 7.0 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 482,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2006, up 3,200 from the December 2005 level of 479,900 but is down 3,600 from the January 2005 employment level of 486,500 persons.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2006 was 5.9 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the December 2005 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the January 2005 level of 5.6 percent. Canada's unemployment rate increased 1.1 percentage points to 7.2 percent from the December 2005 level of 6.1 percent. In January 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,000 to 500,100 persons in January 2006 from 499,100 persons in December 2005. This is 1,500 less than the January 2005 labour force of 501,600 persons. The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 66.9 percent in January 2006 from 66.7 percent in December 2005. The January 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.1 percent.

There were 470,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2006, a decrease of 3,700 from December 2005 and 2,600 less than the number employed in January 2005. Agricultural employment was 44,200 persons in January 2006, up 2,100 from the December 2005 level.

There were 29,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2006. This is an increase of 4,700 from December 2005 and is 1,200 more than the number unemployed in January 2005.

The attached tables provide additional details on labour force activity for Saskatchewan and Canada during the months of January 2006, December 2005 and January 2005.

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TABLE 1

LABOUR FORCE

	January 2006	December 2005	January 2005
SASKATCHEWAN			
Labour Force	**500,100**	**499,100**	**501,600**
Employed	**470,800**	**474,500**	**473,400**
Full-Time	*374,800*	*380,500*	*374,100*
Part-Time	*96,000*	*93,900*	*99,400*
Unemployed	**29,300**	**24,600**	**28,100**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**5.9**	**4.9**	**5.6**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**5.2**	**5.3**	**4.8**
Participation Rate (%)	**66.9**	**66.7**	**67.1**
CANADA			
Labour Force	**17,179,100**	**17,287,900**	**16,952,200**
Employed	**15,949,100**	**16,228,100**	**15,678,100**
Full-Time	*12,882,900*	*13,144,000*	*12,593,600*
Part-Time	*3,066,200*	*3,084,100*	*3,084,600*
Unemployed	**1,230,000**	**1,059,900**	**1,274,100**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**7.2**	**6.1**	**7.5**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**6.6**	**6.5**	**7.0**
Participation Rate (%)	**66.0**	**66.5**	**66.2**

TABLE 2

DETAILED SASKATCHEWAN UNADJUSTED SERIES

Labour Force ('000)	Total	Male	Female	15-24	25+	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65+
January 2006	500.1	267.5	232.6	87.3	412.8	35.2	52.1	210.5	184.2	18.0
December 2005	499.1	265.7	233.4	88.6	410.5	35.1	53.5	210.1	182.4	18.0
January 2005	501.6	271.2	230.4	87.5	414.0	34.4	53.2	214.7	181.7	17.7
Employed ('000)										
January 2006	470.8	248.5	222.4	76.5	394.4	30.7	45.8	200.4	176.1	17.9
December 2005	474.5	251.2	223.3	79.2	395.2	30.2	49.0	201.3	176.1	17.8
January 2005	473.4	250.5	223.0	79.9	393.6	31.3	48.6	205.7	170.7	17.2
Unemployed ('000)										
January 2006	29.3	19.1	10.2	10.9	18.4	4.5	6.3	10.1	8.2	0.0
December 2005	24.6	14.6	10.1	9.4	15.3	4.9	4.5	8.8	6.3	0.0
January 2005	28.1	20.7	7.4	7.7	20.5	3.1	4.5	9.0	11.0	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)										
January 2006	5.9	7.1	4.4	12.5	4.5	12.8	12.1	4.8	4.5	0.0
December 2005	4.9	5.5	4.3	10.6	3.7	14.0	8.4	4.2	3.5	0.0
January 2005	5.6	7.6	3.2	8.8	5.0	9.0	8.5	4.2	6.1	2.8
Participation Rate (%)										
January 2006	66.9	72.6	61.4	63.2	67.7	51.5	74.5	88.0	77.9	13.4
December 2005	66.7	72.0	61.5	64.1	67.3	51.4	76.5	87.6	77.3	13.4
January 2005	67.1	73.6	60.8	62.9	68.1	49.6	76.2	88.2	78.8	13.2

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons.

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET - UNADJUSTED SERIES

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
*Labour Force	494.3	495.4	497.7	501.8	511.5	515.0	516.8	517.7	508.1	507.2	508.2	507.3	506.7
*Employment	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7
*Full-Time	370.3	370.0	368.7	377.4	397.7	399.5	402.5	405.0	387.3	388.6	385.8	380.7	386.1
*Part-Time	92.9	94.8	96.5	95.1	89.1	92.9	86.5	84.3	95.5	96.8	98.1	100.2	93.6
*Unemployment	31.1	30.6	32.5	29.3	24.7	22.6	27.8	28.4	25.3	21.7	24.3	26.4	27.0
**Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3
**Participation Rate	66.4	66.5	66.8	67.3	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.4	68.1	67.9	68.1	67.9	67.9
2005													
*Labour Force	501.6	503.8	507.5	504.0	517.4	519.7	522.7	522.0	508.4	503.4	503.3	499.1	509.4
*Employment	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
*Full-Time	374.1	375.8	379.8	384.4	402.1	405.7	412.7	411.5	386.5	381.2	382.3	380.5	389.7
*Part-Time	99.4	100.5	99.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	84.6	80.8	93.7	98.6	96.8	93.9	93.8
*Unemployment	28.1	27.5	28.0	27.7	22.5	21.6	25.4	29.7	28.2	23.5	24.2	24.6	25.9
**Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
**Participation Rate	67.1	67.4	67.8	67.3	69.1	69.4	69.8	69.7	67.9	67.2	67.2	66.7	68.1
2006													
*Labour Force	500.1												
*Employment	470.8												
*Full-Time	374.8												
*Part-Time	96.0												
*Unemployment	29.3												
**Unemployment Rate	5.9												
**Participation Rate	66.9												

* thousands
** percent

TABLE 4

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	45.4	43.9	43.6	45.9	51.1	50.7	48.3	48.5	44.8	46.9	45.0	44.9	46.6
Manufacturing	26.8	27.1	27.4	26.0	27.8	27.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	26.9	27.2	27.1	27.1
Construction	21.3	21.7	21.6	21.9	23.0	24.9	25.9	26.0	26.3	24.0	22.5	20.8	23.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.6	25.8	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.9	27.1	26.8	25.9	25.7	25.6	26.7	26.2
Trade	75.2	73.2	75.2	76.9	77.2	78.6	79.6	80.6	77.5	77.9	78.8	79.6	77.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.8	29.7	28.9	29.4	28.6	27.2	27.4	27.2	26.9	28.1
Service	201.0	203.5	203.5	202.0	207.1	209.8	206.1	203.0	204.4	203.2	201.6	201.2	203.9
Public Administration	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2	25.7	28.2	27.9	30.1	26.5	26.9	26.6	25.6	26.2
Other Primary Ind.	16.4	16.9	17.4	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.4	17.7	18.4	17.1
Total All Industries	463.3	464.6	466.8	467.5	484.4	491.3	490.0	488.6	476.9	476.3	472.2	471.2	476.1

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.9	44.2	46.2	46.5	49.3	47.1	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.1	46.6	44.8	46.7
Manufacturing	27.2	26.9	27.4	28.3	28.5	31.1	30.3	30.6	29.1	28.4	28.4	29.0	28.8
Construction	19.2	19.2	19.4	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.8	28.1	26.3	28.2	25.9	24.6	24.0
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.9	25.8	25.5	26.8	28.5	29.1	27.9	27.8	29.0	27.9	28.7	28.1	27.6
Trade	75.3	74.6	74.0	75.7	77.6	76.7	78.8	78.7	77.5	77.4	77.9	76.6	76.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	25.8	26.6	26.9	27.8	27.2	28.0	26.5	27.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	25.6	26.7
Service	201.2	203.0	202.2	204.4	208.0	209.9	202.4	201.6	201.2	206.0	205.8	207.2	204.4
Public Administration	25.3	25.2	24.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	26.4	27.7	26.5	26.1	26.5	26.0	25.8
Other Primary Ind.	18.5	19.3	19.4	18.3	18.6	18.8	20.6	19.3	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.9	19.0
Total All Industries	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.0	43.9	45.1	44.5	49.1	49.2	50.9	49.9	47.7	48.2	44.5	42.1	46.6
Manufacturing	28.1	28.0	28.5	29.8	30.4	32.9	33.0	33.4	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.3
Construction	21.4	20.9	21.5	22.9	26.9	30.1	30.7	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.9	26.0	26.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.0	28.7	28.0	27.4	28.9	30.0	29.1	30.7	31.7	28.9	31.1	31.1	29.5
Trade	79.6	80.2	79.6	81.7	82.0	79.6	80.5	79.6	74.4	74.1	74.6	74.2	78.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	24.3	25.7	26.3	24.6	25.9	26.6	25.7	27.8	26.3	25.1	24.9	25.6	25.7
Service	203.6	204.0	206.2	203.1	206.8	204.2	199.6	192.0	195.7	199.1	198.0	198.1	200.9
Public Administration	25.4	25.7	26.8	26.3	27.3	26.7	30.3	29.9	26.8	27.0	27.4	27.1	27.2
Other Primary Ind.	19.0	19.2	17.7	16.0	17.6	18.7	17.6	19.7	19.0	18.8	19.8	20.6	18.6
Total All Industries	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.2												
Manufacturing	28.9												
Construction	24.9												
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.5												
Trade	72.9												
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.6												
Service	196.5												
Public Administration	27.2												
Other Primary Ind.	21.2												
Total All Industries	470.8												

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED
CANADA AND PROVINCES 2005, 2006
(UNADJUSTED SERIES)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.8
Nfld. & Lab.	16.5	17.2	16.9	18.8	16.7	12.5	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.8	15.2
P.E.I.	14.1	13.0	13.0	15.0	9.5	7.8	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	10.6	12.1	10.8
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.4
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.6	11.2	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.6	9.1	9.7
Quebec	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3
Ontario	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.6
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.8
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
Alberta	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
B.C.	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.9

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.2												
Nfld. & Lab.	18.8												
P.E.I.	14.3												
Nova Scotia	9.0												
New Brunswick	9.8												
Quebec	9.6												
Ontario	6.6												
Manitoba	4.8												
Saskatchewan	5.9												
Alberta	4.0												
B.C.	5.8												

TABLE 6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR CANADIAN CITIES

	January 2006	December 2005	January 2005
St. John's	9.4	8.5	8.7
Halifax	5.9	5.2	7.4
Saint John	4.6	4.5	8.1
Quebec	7.0	4.3	7.1
Montreal	10.2	9.6	9.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	4.6	6.7
Toronto	6.8	5.6	6.8
Sudbury	8.4	6.4	9.0
Winnipeg	4.6	3.6	5.0
Regina	5.7	4.9	5.9
Saskatoon	6.1	5.3	4.8
Calgary	4.5	4.4	5.3
Edmonton	4.3	4.4	5.3
Vancouver	5.6	3.8	6.7
Victoria	4.3	3.7	5.9

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3-month moving averages)

Total Population	Labour Force ('000)	Employed ('000)	Unemployed ('000)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)	Employment Rate (%)
January 2006	500.7	474.6	26.1	5.2	66.9	63.4
December 2005	502.0	477.8	24.2	4.8	67.1	63.8
January 2005	505.2	478.8	26.4	5.2	67.6	64.1
Non-Aboriginal						
January 2006	463.7	443.7	20.0	4.3	67.2	64.3
December 2005	464.8	446.0	18.7	4.0	67.3	64.6
January 2005	471.2	450.8	20.4	4.3	68.2	65.3
Aboriginal						
January 2006	37.1	30.9	6.1	16.5	64.1	53.5
December 2005	37.2	31.7	5.4	14.6	64.4	55.0
January 2005	34.0	28.1	6.0	17.6	60.2	49.6
North American Indian						
January 2006	14.7	11.2	3.6	24.1	56.1	42.5
December 2005	14.7	11.5	3.2	21.7	55.8	43.7
January 2005	13.7	10.3	3.4	24.9	53.2	40.0
Métis						
January 2006	22.3	19.7	2.6	11.5	70.7	62.6
December 2005	22.5	20.2	2.3	10.1	71.6	64.4
January 2005	20.2	17.7	2.6	12.7	65.9	57.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for June are an average of the three months ending in June (April, May and June).
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.